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I am a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am also a paruretic; I have been since I was eight. My paruresis causes a great deal of stress in my life; I manage, but that is all - and everything: I constantly have to schedule events around my inability to urinate in the presence of others, or where I can be heard when I urinate, or when somebody is waiting to use the restroom and I feel pressured to hurry. It is only *very* seldom and under certain conditions that I am able to overcome my affliction, but there is no way for me to predict when these rare occasions may occur.

I certainly would NOT be able to provide a urine sample for a Federal drug test if I was asked or required to do so. But that is very different from refusing to do so; it is an inability that I cannot control. If I could control it, I would not have it. That is why it is so very important to the millions of Americans afflicted with paruresis that it be made MANDATORY that anyone may provide a hair, saliva, or other type of sample IN PLACE OF, and NOT SIMPLY IN ADDITION TO a urine sample. Not providing paruretics with the option of giving a different sample in place of urine is discrimination, plain and simple.

Sincere thanks for your time,
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